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“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON—“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles present the following free concerts in February. Tickets are not required unless otherwise noted. Please include these performances among your February calendar/events listings.

For general concert information, patrons may call the 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011 or visit www.marineband.usmc.mil. Directions and parking information are available by contacting the performance venues at the numbers and websites listed below.

MARINE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4

WHERE: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College
3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va.
Venue information: (703) 845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Assistant Director Captain Michelle A. Rakers, conducting
Featuring works by Benjamin Britten, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Joan Tower, and Franz Joseph Haydn

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Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, SE, Washington, DC 20390-5000
Telephone: 202/433-5809 Fax: 202/433-4752

MARINE CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11

WHERE: John Philip Sousa Band Hall
Marine Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility
600 Virginia Avenue, SE Washington, D.C.
Venue information: (202) 433-4011 or www.marineband.usmc.mil

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: **Featuring** George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as works by Dana Wilson, William Albright, and Morton Gould.

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25

WHERE: John Philip Sousa Band Hall
Marine Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility
600 Virginia Avenue, SE Washington, D.C.
Venue information: (202) 433-4011 or www.marineband.usmc.mil

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: **Featuring** Ludwig van Beethoven's String Quartet in E-flat, *Harp* and Scenes from *The Marriage of Figaro* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

MARINE BAND

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18

WHERE: Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland
Dekelbourn Concert Hall
Stadium Drive and Route 193, College Park, Md.
Venue information: (301) 405-ARTS or www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Assistant Director Captain Michelle A. Rakers, conducting
Derivations—The performance will include a compilation of pieces inspired by another composer's work, such as Paul Hindemith's *Geschwindmarsch*, which is based on Ludwig van Beethoven's Military March No. 1 in F, "York'sher."

Featuring works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Paul Hindemith, Charles Ives, Percy Grainger, Igor Stravinsky, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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Complete program information is available at www.marineband.usmc.mil. **Pre-Concert Ensembles** perform 45 minutes prior to most Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra concerts. This year, “The President’s Own” will continue its **Post-Concert Chats**—a series of talks with the conductor following select performances, which will accent Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra performances throughout the season. By offering imaginative and interactive concerts, “The President’s Own” hopes its 2007 Showcase Series will create an engaging musical experience for patrons, one through which they can discover the rich, resonant world of music. For information on any of the above concerts or programs, please contact “The President’s Own” Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-5809 or usmbpao@mbw.usmc.mil. Press materials, photographs and interviews also are available upon request.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title “The President’s Own” by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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